

Application No. 10/705,408
Amendment dated November 28, 2005
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): An interlabial pad ~~with a size capable of being naturally inserted adapted to be inserted~~ between the female labia of a wearer, comprising:
~~which is formed by bending~~ a water permeable surface side sheet facing a body side; ~~and~~
a water permeable or impermeable back side sheet facing a garment side, bonded to the water permeable surface side sheet so as to enclose an absorbent body for absorbing body fluid; ~~the interlabial pad comprising:~~

a long convex area provided along a longitudinal direction of said surface side sheet so that a substantial center part of said surface side sheet in a lateral direction becomes an apex towards the body side; and

an extended area formed by being extended from a bottom of said long convex area in the lateral direction of said surface side sheet.

Claim 2 (original): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein said long convex area is formed by at least an inflection portion provided by bending said surface side sheet and said absorbent body.

Claim 3 (original): The interlabial pad according to claim 2, comprising a restriction mini sheet piece for restricting spreading of said inflection portion,
wherein the mini sheet piece is bonded on an opposite side to the body side of said back side sheet.

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Claim 4 (original): The interlabial pad according to claim 3, comprising:
a restricted part where spreading of said inflection portion is restricted by said restriction mini sheet piece in said long convex area; and
an unrestricted part where spreading of said inflection portion is not restricted by said restriction mini sheet piece.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 3,
wherein said mini sheet piece is provided by being bonded to the opposite side to the body side of said back side sheet in one or more bonding areas at each side in the longitudinal direction of said back side sheet and being non-bonded in one or more non-bonding areas in the lateral direction of said back side sheet; and
wherein at least one of said one or more non-bonding areas form a finger insertion opening between said restriction mini sheet piece and said back side sheet.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the inside of said long convex area forms a long hollow space.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein a cross section of said long convex area is substantially triangular.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein a cross sectional area of the said cross section of said long convex area in the longitudinal direction gets gradually smaller from one end to another end.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the cross section of said long convex area is formed in a substantial triangle with a height from 5 mm to 30 mm and with a bottom width from 1 mm to 20 mm.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein a length of said long convex area in the longitudinal direction is 60 mm to 150 mm.

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Claim 11 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is a sanitary napkin concomitant interlabial pad used together with a sanitary napkin.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for incontinence.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A method for manufacturing the interlabial pad according to claim 3, wherein said long convex area comprises a crumpled part;

wherein the crumpled part is formed on a body side of a absorbent layer sheet by forming the interlabial pad with said restriction mini sheet piece fixed to the absorbent layer sheet so that the mini sheet piece and the absorbent layer sheet match in the lateral direction, the mini sheet piece having a shorter width than the absorbent body in the lateral direction; and

wherein the absorbent layer sheet comprises said surface side sheet, said absorbent body, and said back side sheet.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A wrapping body for wrapping said interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is contained in a wrapping container for individual wrapping.

Claim 16 (original): A wrapping body for wrapping said interlabial pad according to claim 5 in a wrapping container for individual wrapping, wherein said interlabial pad is wrapped in a direction orthogonal to said wrapping container.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 4, wherein said mini sheet piece is provided by being bonded to the opposite side to the body side of said back side sheet in one or more bonding areas at each side in the longitudinal direction of said back side sheet and being non-bonded in one or more non-bonding areas in the lateral direction of said back side sheet; and

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wherein at least one of said one or more non-bonding areas form a finger insertion opening between said restriction mini sheet piece and said back side sheet.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A method for manufacturing the interlabial pad according to claim 4, wherein said long convex area comprises a crumpled part;

wherein the crumpled part is formed on a body side of a absorbent layer sheet by forming the interlabial pad with said restriction mini sheet piece fixed to the absorbent layer sheet so that the mini sheet piece and the absorbent layer sheet match in the lateral direction, the mini sheet piece having a shorter width than the absorbent body in the lateral direction; and

wherein the absorbent layer sheet comprises said surface side sheet, said absorbent body, and said back side sheet.

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